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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

The following is in response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed on April 11, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 19, 35, 36, 39, 40 and 43 to read as follows:

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19. The plastic article of claim 1, wherein the lubricious reinforcing fiber is selected from the group consisting of graphitized pitch-based carbon fibers having a tensile strength of greater than about 200 KSI, a tensile modulus greater than about 100 MSI, a density ranging from about 2.15 to about 2.25 gm/cm³, a Tc ranging from about 400 to about 1100 W/mEK, and a diameter ranging from about 7 microns to about 10 microns and combinations thereof.